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SUBJECT: SURINAM AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB)

1. IN A JUNE 2 CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LUERS, SURINAM AMBASSADOR KARAMAT ASKED WHETHER THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTENDED TO DOWNGRADE THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB).
HE INDICATED THAT GOS LEADERS FAVOR JOINING THE IADB
AND THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT TO JOIN FROM IADB
CHAIRMAN GENERAL SUMNER AND THE PENTAGON.

2. MR. LUERS REPLIED THAT THE IADB IS NOT A
POLITICAL BUT A MILITARY INSTITUTION, AND HENCE
HAS BEEN OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO THE PENTAGON.
RECENTLY, IT HAS BECOME A FORUM FOR LATIN MILITARY
LEADERS TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER U.S. DIRECTIONS IN
HUMAN RIGHTS, MILITARY SALES, AND U.S. RELATIONS WITH
MILITARY GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID THE IADB WAS OF
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POLITICAL INTEREST NOW FOR THE INSIGHT IT PROVIDED
INTO THE THINKING OF MILITARY LEADERS OF LATIN AMERICAN
STATES. HE NEITHER ENCOURAGED NOR DISCOURAGED
SURINAM MEMBERSHIP, BUT OBSERVED THAT SURINAM WOULD
PROBABLY MAKE ITS DECISION IN LIGHT OF ITS IMPACT

ON ITS NEIGHBORS, SUCH AS GUYANA.

3. KARAMAT INDICATED THAT SURINAM'S FOREIGN POLICY WAS BASED ON ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA, NOT GUYANA, AND OBSERVED THAT SURINAM THINKS OF ITSELF AS A SOUTH AMERICAN RATHER THAN A CARIBBEAN NATION. TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONNECTION, KARAMAT SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD VENEZUELA HAD OFFERED TO HELP DEVELOP OIL DEPOSITS RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN SURINAM. VANCE

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